

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A communication apparatus for transferring data received from a first network to a second network, the apparatus comprising:

first discrimination means for discriminating if the received data is a confidential data; and
second discrimination means for discriminating if the terminal of an address of the received
data;

control means for controlling to alter a method of providing said received data to provide
said terminal with the received data by using either a method of transferring the received data
attached with E-mail to said terminal, a method of encrypting the received data and transferring the
encrypting data attached with E-mail to said terminal or a method of storing the received data in a
predetermined memory and transferring information to be used for access to the stored received
data attached with E-mail to said terminal to, in accordance with the result of the discrimination by
said first discrimination means and said second discrimination means.

Claims 2-5 (Canceled):

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~A communication~~ An apparatus according to claim 1,
further comprising:

management means for managing encryption information correlated to the said terminal;
 and

third discrimination means for discriminating if the encryption information correlated with
the said terminal which is a destination of the received data is managed by said management means,
 wherein said control means controls a method of providing said terminal with the received

data in accordance with said discrimination results.

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~A communication~~ An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

management means for managing the encryption information and an effective period of the encryption information correlated ~~with the~~ to said terminal; and

third discrimination means for discriminating ~~the effective period of the encryption information and if the encryption information and the effective period of the encryption information~~ correlated with the said terminal ~~which is a destination of the received data~~ is managed by said management means,

wherein said control means controls a method of providing said terminal with the received data in accordance with said discrimination results.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A communication method of transferring data ~~received from a first network to a second network~~, the method comprising:

a first discrimination step of discriminating if the received data is a confidential data; and second discrimination step of discriminating if the terminal of an address of the received data;

a control step of controlling ~~to alter a method of providing said received data~~ to provide said terminal with the received data by using either a method of transferring the received data attached with E-mail to said terminal, a method of encrypting the received data and transferring the encrypting data attached with E-mail to said terminal or a method of storing the received data in a predetermined memory and transferring information to be used for access to the stored received

data attached with E-mail to said terminal to, in accordance with the result of the discrimination in said first discrimination step and said second discrimination step.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A computer readable memory medium storing a program of a communication method ~~for~~ of transferring data ~~received~~ from a first network to a second network, the program comprising:

a first discrimination step of discriminating if the received data is a confidential data; ~~and~~
second discrimination step of discriminating if the terminal of an address of the received data;

a control step of controlling ~~to alter a method of providing said received data to provide said terminal with the received data by using either a method of transferring the received data attached with E-mail to said terminal, a method of encrypting the received data and transferring the encrypting data attached with E-mail to said terminal or a method of storing the received data in a predetermined memory and transferring information to be used for access to the stored received data attached with E-mail to said terminal to, in accordance with the result of the discrimination in said first discrimination step and said second discrimination step.~~

Claims 11-20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21. (New): A method according to claim 9, further comprising:

management step of managing encryption information correlated to said terminal; and
 third discrimination step of discriminating if the encryption information correlated with said terminal is managed in said management step,

wherein said control step controls a method of providing said terminal with the received data in accordance with said discrimination results.

Claim 22. (New): A method according to claim 9, further comprising:

management step of managing encryption information and an effective period of the encryption information correlated to said terminal; and

third discrimination step of discriminating if the encryption information and the effective period of the encryption information correlated with said terminal is managed in said management step,

wherein said control step controls a method of providing said terminal with the received data in accordance with said discrimination results.

Claim 23. (New) A computer readable memory medium according to claim 10, further comprising:

management step of managing encryption information correlated to said terminal; and

third discrimination step of discriminating if the encryption information correlated with said terminal is managed in said management step,

wherein said control step controls a method of providing said terminal with the received data in accordance with said discrimination results.

Claim 24 (New) A computer readable memory medium according to claim 10, further comprising:

management step of managing encryption information and an effective period of the encryption information correlated to said terminal; and

third discrimination step of discriminating if the encryption information and the effective period of the encryption information correlated with said terminal is managed in said management step,

wherein said control step controls a method of providing said terminal with the received data in accordance with said discrimination results.